

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

August 10, 2016

Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: John Britton, Vice-Chair; Joseph Guardino, Clerk;
Andreas Uthoff; Allan Wirth; Lori Eggert
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator
Stephanie Ide, Conservation Department Assistant
ABSENT: Steven Hagan, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Britton read the Public Record Statement as approved by Town Counsel on 9/10/12.

269 Carlisle Road:

Mr. Nick Gikas of the SBH Group and Mr. Nelson Aweh owner of 269 Carlisle Road were present before the Commission to discuss minor project changes. Mr. Gikas provided the Commission with a letter from the Wetland Consultant dated August 7, 2016 and a highlighted plan dated June 28, 2016. Mr. Gikas stated that the new house is being constructed behind the existing house. The existing house will be lived in until the new house is constructed. Once Mr. Aweh and his family have moved into the new house the existing house will be razed. Mr. Gikas is requesting that the erosion control line not be installed until the work extends into the buffer zone. Mr. Guardino conducted a site visit on the property and recommends that erosion control be placed along the existing driveway until the rest of the erosion control can be installed. Ms. Bagdonas said that she would like to see the construction vehicle access on the plan and explained to the applicant that if any other changes are proposed, such as utility connections and widening of the driveway, which may be requested by the Fire Department, that an Amendment to the Order of Conditions will need to be requested. Ms. Bagdonas would also like a construction sequence for the erosion control marked on the plan prior to the preconstruction site visit. A preconstruction site visit will occur on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. Bagdonas, Mr. Guardino and Mr. Britton in attendance.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 48 South Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Scott Poulter was present before the Commission to discuss the installation of a fence within the 100-foot buffer zone to an isolated vegetated wetland.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to issue a positive Determination for reason five and a negative Determination for reason three. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

Continuation of Public Hearing - Notice of Intent:
614/616 Springs Road & 10 Green Street

Mr. Brian DeVellis and Mr. David Bernstein were present before the Commission to continue the discussion on the proposed construction of two subdivisions for a total of 13 residential houses. Three of the houses, a portion of the subdivision roadway and components of the stormwater management system are within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Demolition of the existing house and the construction of a new single family home are within land subject to inundation and the 100-foot buffer zone to an isolated vegetated wetland. Ms. Eggert and Mr. Wirth stated that they did not listen to the recording of the meeting of July 27, 2016 due to a technical issue with the recorder and are unable to join the quorum. Ms. Bagdonas stated that the applicant can update the Commission but that no deliberations can take place. Mr. DeVellis requested that the continuation of the public hearing be put on the September 14, 2016 agenda due to updated plan delays. The Commission will receive updated plans prior to the meeting of September 14th which will be more in line with the Planning Board and Fire Department requirements. A discussion on the boardwalk connectivity to the Narrow Gauge Rail Trail will also take place on September 14th.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Wirth to continue the public hearing to the meeting of September 14, 2016. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Bills Payable:

A motion was made by Mr. Guardino and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to issue payment in the amount of \$254.96 from the Jordan Gardens account to Mr. Brian Magee for the purchase of garden hoses for Jordan gardens. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

Beaver Solutions:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Wirth to renew the Beaver Solutions maintenance contract for Fawn Lake. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Enforcement Order: 20 Hemlock Lane

Ms. Bagdonas explained that the owner had previously come before the Commission in 2015 for the removal of a pool and that a Determination was issued for the pool removal. A neighbor contacted Ms. Bagdonas and stated his concern over a mass amount of bare soil on the property. The neighbors concern is if a significant rain storm event occurs that the soil will rush onto his property causing flooding and damage. Ms. Adrienne St. John of the Department of Public Works conducted a site visit and took pictures from the street. The Commission asked that Ms. Bagdonas contact the owners by

e-mail and request a site visit as well as talk with the Code Enforcement Director to possibly coordinate the effort to get the homeowner to comply with the law prior to seeking assistance from Town Counsel.

Lot Line Markers:

Ms. Bagdonas explained to the Commission that she was contacted by a resident who would like to install pavers by hand as property line markers within the 100-foot buffer zone but outside of the 25-foot buffer zone. The Commission was in agreement that the resident may install the property markers without filing an application. No vote was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Ms. Eggert to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0-0 adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of September 14, 2016.